PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 14458.41

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	#/	)
	Darcy W. Greep et al.	)
Serial No.:	10/021,607	) Art Unit ) 3739
Filed:	December 12, 2001	)
For:	UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT	) ) )
Examiner:	Aaron F. Roane	, )
	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME	
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		RECEIVED JUN 16 2003 3700 MAIL RI
Sir:		ROO

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period that was set for responding to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003 be extended for one month until June 4, 2003.

Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 including the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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Dated this 4th day of June 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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